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9. *Away with.* Throw away; take away.
If you dare think of deserving our charms,
Away with your shephooks, and take to your arms. *Dryd.*
AWE. *n. f.* [eje, oja, Saxon.] Reverential fear; reverence.
They all be brought up idly, without *awe* of parents, without precepts of masters, and without fear of offence.
Spenser's State of Ireland.
It fixed upon him, who is only to be feared, God: and yet with a filial fear, which at the same time both fears and loves. It was *awe* without amazement, and dread without distraction. *South.*
What is the proper *awe* and fear, which is due from man to God?
To AWE. *v. a.* [from the noun.] To strike with reverence, or fear.
If you will work on any man, you must either know his nature and fashions, and so lead him; or his ends, and so persuade him; or his weaknesses and disadvantages, and so *awe* him; or those that have interest in him, and so govern him. *Bacon.*
Why then was this forbid? Why, but to *awe*?
Why, but to keep you low, and ignorant,
His worshippers? *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. ix.*
Heav'n that hath plac'd this island to give law,
To balance Europe, and her states to *awe.* *Waller.*
The rods and axes of princes, and their deputies, maye *awe* many into obedience; but the fame of their goodness, justice, and other virtues, will work on more. *Aiterbury's Sermons.*
A'WEAND. *n. f.* [from *awe* and *band*] A check. *Diët.*
A'WFUL. *adj.* [from *awe* and *full*.] Inelegance; want of gentility; oddness; unfutableness.
1. That which strikes with awe, or fills with reverence.
So *awful*, that with honour thou may'st love
Thy mate; who fees, when thou art seen least wife.
Milt. Par. Lost, b. viii. l. 577.
I approach thee thus, and gaze
Infatiate; I thus single; nor have fear'd
Thy *awful* brow, more *awful* thus retir'd,
Fairer resemblance of thy Maker fair!
Milton's Paradise Lost, b. ix.
2. Worshippful; in authority; invested with dignity. This sense is obsolete.
Know then, that some of us are gentlemen,
Such as the fury of ungovern'd youth
Thrust from the company of *awful* men.
Shakep. Two Gentlemen of Verona.
3. Struck with awe; timorous; scrupulous. This sense occurs but rarely.
It is not nature and strict reason, but a weak and *awful* reverence for antiquity, and the vogue of fallible men.
Watts's Improvement of the Mind.
A'WFULLY. *adv.* [from *awful*.] In a reverential manner.
It will concern a man, to treat this great principle *awfully* and warily, by still observing what it commands, but especially what it forbids. *South.*
A'WFULNESS. *n. f.* [from *awful*.] The quality of striking with awe; solemnity.
These objects naturally raise seriousness; and night heightens the *awfulness* of the place, and pours out her supernumerary horrors upon every thing. *Addison. Spect.* N° 110.
2. The state of being struck with awe.
An help to prayer, producing in us reverence and *awfulness* to the divine majesty of God. *Taylor's Rule of living holy.*
TO AWHARE. *v. a.* [This word I have met with only in *Spenser*, nor can I discover whence it is derived; but imagine, that the Teutonic language had anciently *awapen*, to strike, or some such word, from which *awapen*, or offensive arms, took their denomination.] To strike; to confound.
Ah! my dear gossip, answer'd then the ape,
Deeply do your sad words my wits *awhope*,
Both for because your grief doth great appear,
And eke because myself am touched near. *Hubbard's Tale.*
AWHILE. *adv.* [This word, generally reputed an *adverb*, is only a *while*, that is, a time, an interval.] Some time; some space of time.
Stay, stay, I say;
And if you love me, as you say you do,
Let me persuade you to forbear *awhile.* *Shakep. Henry VI.*
Into this wild abyss the wary fiend
Stood on the brink of hell, and look'd *awhile*,
Pond'ring his voyage. *Milt. Paradise Lost, b. ii. l. 918.*
AWK. *adj.* [a barbarous contraction of the word *awkward*.] Odd; out of order.
We have heard as arrant jangling in the pulpits, as the steeples; and professors ringing as *awk* as the bells to give notice of the conflagration. *L'Estrange.*
A'WKWARD. *adj.* [reparb, Saxon; that is, backward, untoward.]
1. Inlegant; unpolite; untaught; ungenteel.
Proud Italy,
Whose manners still our tardy, apish nation
Limps after in base *awkward* imitation. *Shak. Rich. II.*
Their own language is worthy their care; and they are

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- judged of by their handsome or *awkward* way of expressing themselves in it. *Locke.*
An *awkward* shame, or fear of ill usage, has a share in this conduct. *Swift.*
2. Unready; unhandy; not dexterous; clumsy.
Slow to resolve, but in performance quick:
So true, that he was *awkward* at a trick. *Dryd. Hind and P.*
3. Perverse; untoward.
A kind and constant friend
To all that regularly offend;
But was implacable, and *awkward*,
To all that interlop'd and hawk'd. *Hudibras.*
A'WKWARDLY. *adv.* [from *awkward*.] Clumsily; unready; inelegantly; ungainly.
Dametas nodding from the waste upwards, and swearing he never knew man go more *awkwardly* to work. *idney.*
If any pretty creature is void of genius, and would perform her part but *awkwardly*, I must nevertheless insist upon her working. *Addison. Spectator, N° 606.*
And when any thing is done *awkwardly*, the common saying will pass upon them, that it is suitable to their breeding. *Locke.*
She still renews the ancient scene;
Forgets the forty years between;
Awkwardly gay, and oddly merry;
Her fear pale pink, her head-knot cherry. *Prior.*
If a man be taught to hold his pen *awkwardly*, yet writes sufficiently well, it is not worth while to teach him the accurate methods of handling that instrument. *Watts's Imp. of the Mind.*
A'WKWARDNESS. *n. f.* [from *awkward*.] Inelegance; want of gentility; oddness; unfutableness.
One may observe *awkwardness* in the Italians, which easily discovers their airs not to be natural. *Addison. Rem. on Italy.*
All his airs of behaviour have a certain *awkwardness* in them; but these *awkward* airs are worn away by degrees in company. *Watts's Improvement of the Mind.*
AWL. *n. f.* [æle, ale, Sax.] A pointed instrument to bore holes with.
He which was minded to make himself a perpetual servant, should, for a visible token thereof, have also his ear bored through with an *awl*. *Hosker, b. iv. § 1.*
You may likewise prick many holes with an *awl*, about a joint that will lie in the earth. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
A'WLESS. *adj.* [from *awe*, and the negative *less*.]
1. Without reverence.
Against whose fury, and th' unmatched force,
The *awless* lion could not wage the fight. *Shak. King John.*
He claims the bull with *awless* insolence,
And having seiz'd his horns, accosts the prince. *Dryden.*
2. Without the power of causing reverence.
Ah me! I see the ruin of my house;
The tyger now hath seiz'd the gentle hind:
Insulting tyranny begins to jut
Upon the innocent and *awless* throne. *Shakep. Rich. III.*
AWME, or *AUME.* *n. f.* A Dutch measure of capacity for liquids, containing eight fteckans, or twenty verges or verteels; answering to what in England is called a tierce, or one sixth of a ton of France, or one seventh of an English ton. *Arbuth. Tab.*
AWN. *n. f.* [arjstle, Lat.] The beard growing out of the corn or grass. *Chambers.*
A'WNING. *n. f.* A cover spread over a boat or vessel, to keep off the weather.
Of these boards I made an *awning* over me. *Robinson Crusoe.*
AWOKE. The preterite from *awake*.
And she said, the Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he *awoke* out of his sleep. *Judges, xvi. 20.*
A'WORK. *adv.* [from *a* and *work*.] On work; into a state of labour.
So after Pyrrhus' pause,
Aroused vengeance sets him new *awork.* *Shakep. Hamlet.*
By preferring the condition, it sets us *awork* to the performances of it, and that by living well. *Hammond's Pract. Cat.*
A'WORKING. *adj.* [from *awork*.] In the state of working.
Long they thus travelled, yet never met
Adventure which might them *aworking* set. *Hubbard's Tale.*
AWRY. *adv.* [from *a* and *wry*.]
1. Not in a straight direction; obliquely.
But her sad eyes still fast'ned on the ground,
Are governed with goodly modesty;
That suffers not one look to glance *awry*,
Which may let in a little thought unsound. *Spens. Epithal.*
Like perspectives which rightly gaz'd upon,
Shew nothing but confusion; ey'd *awry*,
Distinguish form. *Shakep. Richard II.*
When lo!
A violent cross wind, from either coast,
Blows them tranverse; ten thousand leagues *awry*
Into the devious air. *Milton's Paradise Lost, b. ii.*
2. Asquint; with oblique vision.
You know the king
With jealous eyes has look'd *awry*
On his son's actions. *Denham's Sophy.*
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3. Not level; unevenly.
I hap to step *awry*, where I see no path, and can discern but few steps afore me. *Brerewood on Languages.*
4. Not equally between two points.
Not tyrants fierce that unrepenting die,
Not Cynthia when her manteau's pinn'd *awry*,
Ere felt such rage. *Pope's Rape of the Lock.*
5. Not in a right state; perversely.
All *awry*, and which wried it to the most wry course of all,
wit abused, rather to feign reason why it should be amiss, than how it should be amended. *Sidney, b. ii.*
Much of the soul they talk, but all *awry*,
And in themselves seek virtue, and to themselves
All glory arrogate, to God give none. *Paradise Regained.*
AXE. *n. f.* [eas, acpe, Sax. *axia*, Lat.] An instrument consisting of a metal head, with a sharp edge, fixed in a helve or handle, to cut with.
No metal can,
No, not the hangman's *axe*, bear half the keenness
Of thy sharp envy. *Shakep. Merchant of Venice.*
There stood a forest on the mountain's brow,
Which overlook'd the shaded plains below;
No sounding *ax* presum'd these trees to bite,
Coeval with the world; a venerable sight. *Dryden's Fables.*
AXILLA. *n. f.* [axilla, Lat.] The cavity under the upper part of the arm, called the arm-pit. *Quincy.*
AXILLARY. *adj.* [from *axilla*, Lat.] Belonging to the arm-
AXILLARY. *pit.*
In the same manner is the *axillary* artery distributed unto the hand; below the cubit, it divideth unto two parts. *Brown's Vulgar Errors.*
AXIOM. *n. f.* [axioma, Lat. *ἀξίωμα*, from *ἀξίω*.]
1. A proposition evident at first sight, that cannot be made plainer by demonstration.
Axioms, or principles more general, are such as this, that the greater good is to be chosen before the lesser. *Hosker, b. i.*
2. An established principle to be granted without new proof.
The *axiom* of that law, whereby natural agents are guided, have their use in the moral. *Hosker, b. i.*
Their affirmations are unto us no *axioms*; we esteem thereof as things unsaid, and account them but in list of nothing.
Brown's Vulgar Errors, b. i.
AXIS. *n. f.* [axis, Lat.] The line real or imaginary that passes through any thing, on which it may revolve.
But since they say our earth, from morn to morn,
On its own *axis* is oblig'd to turn;
That swift rotation must disperse in air
All things which on the rapid orb appear. *Blackmore.*
It might annually have compass'd the sun, and yet never have once turned upon its *axis*. *Bentley's Sermons.*
On their own *axis* as the planets run,
And make at once their circle round the sun;
So two conflicting motions act the soul,
And one regards itself, and one the whole.
Pope's Essay on Man, epist. iii. l. 313.
AXLE. *n. f.* [axis, Lat.] The pin which passes through
AXLE-TREE. *n. f.* the midst of the wheel, on which the circumvolutions of the wheel are performed.
Venerable Nestor
Should with a bond of air, strong as the *axle-tree*
On which heav'n rides, knit all the Grecians ears
To his experienc'd tongue. *Shakep. Troilus and Cressida.*

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- The fly fate upon the *axle-tree* of the chariot-wheel, and said, what a dust do I raise?
And the gilded car of day
His glowing *axle* doth allay
In the sleep Atlantick stream. *Milton's Comus.*
He saw a greater sun appear,
Than his bright throne or burning *axle-tree* could bear. *Milton's Christ's Nativity.*
AY. *adv.* [perhaps from *ais*, Lat.]
1. Yes; an *adverb* of answering affirmatively.
Return you thither?—
—*Ay*, madam, with the swiftest wing of speed.
What say'st thou? Wilt thou be of our comfort?
Say *ay*; and be the captain of us all. *Shakep. Two Gentlemen of Verona.*
2. It is a word by which the sense is enforced; even; yes; certainly; and more than that.
Remember it, and let it make thee crest-fall'n;
Ay, and allay this thy abortive pride. *Shakep. Henry VI.*
AYE. *adv.* [aya, Saxon.] Always; to eternity; for ever.
And now in darksome dungeon, wretched thrall,
Remedy's for *aye* he doth him hold. *Fairy Queen, b. i.*
Either prepare to die,
Or on Diana's altar to profess,
For *aye*, austerly and single life.
Shakep. Midsummer Night's Dream.
The soul, though made in time, survives for *aye*;
And, though it hath beginning, sees no end. *Sir John Davies.*
And hears the muses, in a ring,
Aye round about Jove's altar sing. *Milton's Il Penseroso.*
Th' astonish'd mariners *aye* ply the pump;
No stay, nor rest, till the wide breach is clos'd. *Philips.*
A'YGREEN. *n. f.* The same with *haufselek*; which see. *Diët.*
A'YRY. *n. f.* [See *AIRY*.]
I should discourse on the brancher, the haggard, and then treat of their several *ayries*. *Walton's Angler.*
A'ZIMUTH. *n. f.* [Arab.]
1. The *azimuth* of the sun, or of a star, is an arch between the meridian of the place and any given vertical line.
2. *Magnetical azimuth*, is an arch of the horizon contained between the sun's *azimuth* circle and the magnetical meridian; or it is the apparent distance of the sun from the north or south point of the compass.
3. *Azimuth Compass*, is an instrument used at sea for finding the sun's magnetical *azimuth*.
4. *Azimuth Dial*, is a dial whose style or gnomon is at right angles to the plane of the horizon.
5. *Azimuths*, called also vertical circles, are great circles intersecting each other in the zenith and nadir, and cutting the horizon at right angles, in all the points thereof. *Chambers.*
AZURE. *adj.* [azur, Fr. *azur*, Span. *lazar*, Arab. from *lazuli*, a blue stone.] Blue; faint blue.
The blue of the first order, though very faint and little, may be the colour of some substances; and the *azure* colour of the skies seems to be of this order. *Newton's Opticks.*
Thus replies
Minerva, graceful with her *azure* eyes. *Pope's Odyssey, b. i.*
The sea,
Far through his *azure* turbulent domain,
Your empire owns. *Thomson's Springs.*

